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Uranium in the Earth's Core

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That there is no radioactivity in the earth's core is a concept that has long been held. The reason is that the major radioactive elements, potassium and uranium, exist as siderophilic compounds, such as silicates and oxides, in the earth's mantle and thus were thought to be immiscible with the metal core. An experimental measurement of the binary system of steel and UO_2 , however, shows that above 3120 K the system is a two-phase liquid, the one rich in UO_2 and the other poor in UO_2 . The phase diagram predicts that there must be a temperature above which there is total miscibility between UO_2 and steel. This temperature may be above the boiling point of UO_2 , estimated as 3750 K. The temperature at the core-mantle interface of the earth's interior is estimated most recently as 3130 K. Thus there is a strong likelihood that uranium exists in the earth's metal core. Hence the natural alpha radioactivity of uranium offers a power source for the earth's magnetic dynamo.

Introduction

A heat source of 5×10^{16} ergs in the earth's core is estimated to be more than sufficient to sustain convection and thus to maintain the earth's magnetic field (Jacobs, 1975, p. 267). The possible heat sources, radioactive potassium and radioactive actinides, are expected to exist, however, only as siderophilic compounds, such as oxides and silicates, which are immiscible in the earth's metal core (Urey, 1952, p. 92).

Considerable discussion has appeared in the literature about the possibility of potassium having been incorporated into the metal core, for example, in the primitive differentiating earth. Less attention has been given to the possibility of uranium existing in the core (see Jacobs, 1975, pp. 294-298; Somerville and Ahrens, 1980; Ahrens, 1982). In fact, uranium appears to be steadily incorporated into the metal core at all times, not only in the primitive differentiating earth but at the present time as well. The evidence is experimental.

Except for hypothetical incorporation of potassium into the core in the primitive differentiating earth, the other heat source suggested has been the continuous growth of the iron core of the earth from migration of iron in the mantle and the corresponding release of gravitational energy. The experiment of Hodkin and Putter [1980] now makes it likely that uranium is steadily dissolving into the core and supplying radioactive heat.

The Experiment

The experiment was performed by Hodkin and Putter [1980] as follows. Stainless steel and UO_2 were melted together by an arc discharge between a tungsten cathode and an anode crucible until observation of the melt was obscured by vapor of the uranium oxides at temperatures more than 3120 K. After melting had proceeded for 7 minutes, the crucible was cooled. This cooling produced an ingot which was examined by electron probe microanalysis. In the molten state, two immis-

cible liquids had been present. One was UO_2 with 1% weight of steel, and the other was steel with 23% weight of UO_2 . The experimenters conclude that there is a temperature above which there is total miscibility between UO_2 and steel; however, that temperature may be above the boiling point of UO_2 , estimated as 3750 K.

The projected phase diagram for UO_2 -steel is shown in Figure 1, where the temperature in degrees Kelvin is plotted versus weight percent. The experimentally measured points lie on the uppermost solid line at 39% and 23% weight of UO_2 , respectively, at a temperature somewhat higher than 3120 K.

One may inquire whether the presence of 2% Mn, 10% Ni, and 10% Cr in the steel may substantially alter the two-phase nature of the liquid-liquid region of the phase diagram. The answer appears to be no, judging from other experiments made by Hodkin and Putter [1980]. In one of these, they melted stainless steel, UO_2 , Mn, Ni, and Cr. The condensate contained 41% weight UO_2 . Even at temperatures that were probably little above the melting point of uranium, there was 23% weight of UO_2 dissolved in liquid stainless steel.

Hodkin and Putter [1980] also present a possible UO_2 -Fe phase diagram for 2550 K which shows that uranium can be reduced by carbon (which presumably can be present in the earth's core as it is present in iron and steel) to a region of two liquids, the one being rich in U and the other being rich in UO_2 . If this occurs, then there is a good probability that the U-rich liquid will mix with the liquid iron at all values of weight percent (see phase diagram of Fe versus U by Hultgren et al. [1971, p. 895]).

What might be the effect of high pressure on the UO_2 -steel phase diagram? The review and analysis of Anderson [1982] attempts to answer this question in the form of the effect of pressure on the temperature at the core-mantle interface of the earth. The answer appears to be that the phase boundaries in Figure 1 may be shifted up by pressure but

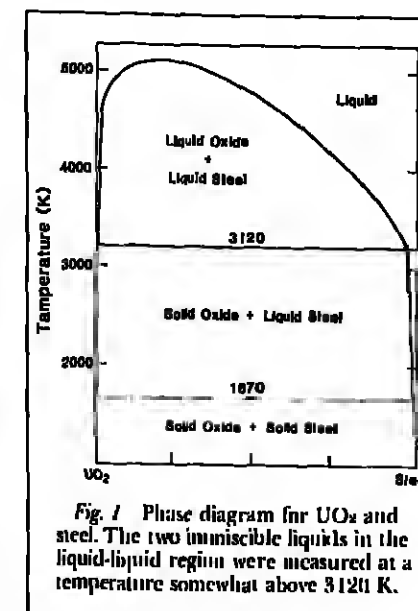


Fig. 1 Phase diagram for UO_2 and steel. The two immiscible liquids in the liquid-liquid region were measured at a temperature somewhat above 3120 K.

down by chemical effects of small amounts of other substances. Anderson balances these perturbations against each other to arrive at 3131 K as the temperature of the core-mantle boundary.

Uranium Radioactivity in the Earth's Core

The experimental demonstration of two liquids coexisting in the liquid system of UO_2 and steel at temperatures 3120 K up to perhaps 5000 K and total miscibility above that leads us to consider that there is probably continuous absorption of uranium from the mantle into the earth's metal core. Radioactive decay of uranium in the earth's core offers a power source for the dynamo that creates and maintains the earth's magnetic field.

After 4.6 b.y. of existence of the solar system, the energy in the decay chain of uranium is mostly that from ^{238}U and amounts to 32.8 MeV per atom. The volume of the core is $1.77 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^3$ at a density of 14.6 g/cm^3 (Anderson, 1982) and contains $2.58 \times 10^{23} \text{ g}$ of iron. At the cosmic abundance of uranium is also contains $1.45 \times 10^{16} \text{ g}$ of ^{238}U , which provides an alpha particle heat source of $2.7 \times 10^{17} \text{ ergs}$ in the core. According to Jacobs [1975, p. 267], the ohmic dissipation of currents in the core which maintain the geomagnetic field are of the order of $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ ergs}$. Thus the heat from uranium in the core at its natural abundance appears to be sufficient to power the dynamo, assuming an efficiency of about one tenth.

Additional uranium may enter the core as a component of the two-liquid system) from the lower mantle. This addition is suggested by an analysis of Schubert and Spohn [1981], who find that the lower mantle is depleted in radioactivity and can contain only 5% or less of all the heat-producing radioactive elements in the mantle. Other estimates of the fraction of the mantle that has been depleted range from 1/4 to 1/2 (see references of Schubert and Spohn, [1981]).

Conclusion

Experiments on the phase diagram of UO_2 -stainless steel, made for breeder research, show that at temperatures equal to that of the core-mantle interface of the earth a binary liquid system exists, containing two liquids, the one rich in UO_2 and the other poor in UO_2 . The experiments also show that adul-

teration of the system with elements intermediate in the periodic table have little effect on the phase diagram. The effect of pressure has been studied by others and thought to be small. Therefore we infer that uranium may well exist in the earth's core in significant quantities and at a natural abundance that is sufficient to maintain the earth's magnetic field. It may also be continuously extracted from the lower mantle, adding to the uranium component of the core.

The phase diagram of UO_2 -iron should be studied more thoroughly. Thorium oxide-uranium may behave similarly. The decay time of thorium is about three times longer, but its abundance is six times greater. Its phase diagram should be studied also.

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News

1984 Solar Eclipse

At a recent meeting of the incoherent scatter radar user community an experiment was planned to observe the ionospheric and thermospheric response to the May 30, 1984, annular solar eclipse with the meridional radar chain whose elements span the eclipse path. Investigators from the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory, SRI International, Arecibo Observatory, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Haystack Observatory were involved in this experiment. The operation of the incoherent scatter radars is sponsored by the National Science Foundation Atmospheric Sciences Division.

Three radars participated in the observations of the eclipse effects: Arecibo (18°N), Millstone Hill (43°N), and Sondrestrom (67°N). The Millstone Hill radar was within 3° latitude of the path of the eclipse and experienced a maximum solar obscuration of 92% at 1705 UT. The eclipse duration was approximately 3 hours. Measurements at Millstone Hill included electron density, plasma temperatures, and ion drifts overhead using the 87-m zenith antenna and to the south and southwest at low elevations (10-15°) using the 46-m steerable antenna to map drift velocity vectors and extend the observations towards the Arecibo station. Millstone Hill began gathering observations at 1200 UT and continued through the eclipse in 2200 UT. The automated data processing and graphics capabilities at Millstone Hill were utilized to obtain initial results of the eclipse observations within 12 hours of the completion of the experiment, and the data were placed in the remotely accessible user data base on the Millstone computer. These data are available to the research community on request.

The color photograph on the cover of this issue illustrates the results obtained from Millstone Hill with the steerable antenna directed to the southwest. This beam intersected the eclipse center line 5° west of the Millstone Hill meridian at 300 km altitude, where maximum obscuration occurred at 1641 UT. The frames show (top to bottom) color-coded intensity contours of the electron density, ion temperature, electron temperature, and ion drift line-of-sight velocity as a function of altitude up to 600 km and universal time from 14 to 20 hours. The electron temperature decreased by 750 K at 300 km centered on the eclipse time, while the electron density minimum was 70% of the pre-eclipse value at that altitude and occurred 30 minutes later. There was a much smaller effect on the ion temperature. The plasma drift velocity developed

a northward component of ~75 m/s as the eclipse effects began. This latter effect may be a result of some geomagnetic activity ($K_p = 3$).

The ionospheric data collected at Millstone Hill as well as that from the other radars will be analyzed in detail, and thermospheric parameters such as the exospheric temperature and the meridional neutral wind component will be deduced from the measurements. These, in turn, will be ramped up to predictions already made at NCAR for the eclipse using the Thermospheric General Circulation Model. In a preliminary review it was seen that the model predictions are generally consistent with the observed drop in electron density and electron temperatures. Detailed quantitative comparisons require further study.

This news item was submitted by Joseph E. Sabin, Director, MIT Haystack Observatory.

Land and Seabed Deformation

The development of techniques to monitor undersea and ground surface deformation and sea level changes will be highlighted at a session of invited geodesy papers at the AGU

Fall Meeting, to be held in San Francisco, Calif., December 8-7, 1984.

The oceans conceal the earth's largest sudden deformation events. Subduction earthquakes at great plate boundaries produce 10-20-m motions of the crust near offshore trenches. Inflation of undersea volcanoes and the spreading of midocean rifts also produce large changes that may go unnoticed. The great tsunami-generating earthquakes may be associated with unusually large vertical movements of the seabed; these earthquakes also may cause large undersea landslides. Technologies to predict these large movements have potential for improving earthquake prediction, tsunami warning, and prediction of volcanic eruptions. Fred Speiss, chief editor of a recent National Academy of Sciences book on undersea deformation, will chair this session.

Presentations at another geodesy session will detail efforts to monitor and record the ground surface deformation that precedes earthquakes. Measurement of deformation remains a vital and elusive goal of earth scientists. By understanding these processes, geologists hope to learn more about predicting when and where large quakes will occur. The best results achieved to date in several different projects will be presented at the session, along with the strategy and expectations for

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The monitoring network at Parkfield, Calif. Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), working in cooperation with the State of California and several U.S. universities and institutes, have chosen a stretch of the San Andreas Fault at Parkfield, Calif., midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, to concentrate efforts at monitoring ground surface deformation. The site was chosen for its relative "predictability." This stretch has ruptured five times since 1857, about once every two decades. The geologists believe that the next rupture will take place at Parkfield before 1990.

The last two Parkfield quakes, in 1934 and 1968, were each preceded by a magnitude 5 foreshock located 1.6 km from the main shock; each occurred 17 minutes before the main shock. According to geologists involved, this makes Parkfield a "uniquely well-behaved" site for deploying networks of high precision to monitor ground deformation and precursor seismicity.

Such a network is largely in place. The instruments that make up this network include some 30 high-gain seismometers. Data from these instruments are telemetered back to the USGS at Menlo Park, Calif., and in some cases are computer-analyzed in real time. About 50 strong motion instruments also have been deployed in five seismological stations on the actual quake.

The geodetic network at Parkfield makes use of the large-scale geodimeter network used throughout California as well as a two-color laser geodimeter to measure movement along either side of the fault. The laser geodimeter records information from a dozen baselines from 4 to 8 km in length. Other instruments deployed include strainmeter strain measurement devices and low-sensitivity creep meters. —JMP

Tropospheric Chemistry Research

To answer basic science questions about man's influence on the earth's troposphere and how to protect it, a National Research Council (NRC) panel has proposed a long-term international research program to study global tropospheric chemistry. The panel estimates that initial funding of \$10-\$20 million per year will be required, increasing yearly for the program's minimum 10-year life.

According to the panel, this proposed effort would be different from existing atmospheric chemistry programs, such as those concerning acid precipitation, for two reasons: First, the proposal calls for a long-term effort, not a short-term reaction to political pressures or, as noted by one member of the panel, "crisis response." Second, the panel emphasized the global framework and international cooperation requested in the proposal. According to panel members, many existing studies are urban or regional in nature and do not have the scope required to gain an overall understanding of the complex troposphere. Existing programs are seen as a foundation for what is envisioned as an all-encompassing program.

Robert A. Duce, chairman of NRC's Global Tropospheric Chemistry Panel and professor at the University of Rhode Island, speaking at a briefing on October 17, in Washington, D.C., summarized the overall objectives of the project: To find out how and to what degree the biosphere controls earth's climate and to determine over what time periods this takes place.

Long-term objectives of the program are:

1. To understand the basic chemical cycles in the troposphere through field investigations, theory aided by numerical modeling, and laboratory studies.
2. To predict tropospheric responses to perturbations, both natural and human-induced, of these cycles.
3. To provide information required for the maintenance and effective future management of the atmospheric component of the global life support system.

Specific science objectives of the proposed study include evaluation of biological sources of chemicals in the troposphere, determination of the global distribution of trace gases and aerosol particles, investigation of photochemically driven transformation processes as well as wet and dry removal processes for trace gases and aerosol particles, and the development of global tropospheric chemistry systems models.

In its report, called "Global Atmospheric Chemistry: A Plan for Action," the panel suggested that funding of individual investigations and investigators could be handled through already established National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) channels but indicated only that overall science management of such a program should be assigned to "an appropriate U.S. scientific organization." Other organizations expected to be involved include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of Defense (DOD), as well as universities, private research groups, and industry.

Members of the panel indicated that a future workshop, to be attended by 50-80 members of the U.S. and international atmospheric chemistry community, will be held to begin pinpointing specific research needs within the framework of the proposal. A steering committee is now in the process of organizing this meeting.—DWR

Atlantic Hot Vent Discoveries

By using the chemical concentration of water as a key to location, scientists from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and several U.S. universities have identified three new Atlantic Ocean sites of mineral-rich hot vents. This discovery brings the total number of known Atlantic Ocean vent sites to four.

These Atlantic Ocean discoveries lead scientists to speculate that venting sites may be as prevalent in the Atlantic as they are in the Pacific. According to Peter Rona of NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami, Fla., hot seafloor vents were thought to occur primarily at fast spreading undersea ridges, such as those that exist in the Pacific Ocean, but not at the relatively slow spreading ridges, such as those found in the Atlantic.

In 1982 a venting area was discovered in the Atlantic along the mid-Atlantic ridge about 2,800 km east of Miami. Large deposits of manganese were associated with the site. The latest discoveries are located along the ridge, 800-1,600 km south of the original site.

In related news, scientists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography have reported the discovery of biological communities in the Gulf of Mexico similar to those found in the Pacific hot vent areas.

According to Charles Paull, a member of the Scripps Geologic Research Division who took part in the research cruise last February when the discovery was made, the Gulf of Mexico communities are similar in their biology but exist within an entirely different geologic setting. Chief among the differences is a lack of the high temperatures that have been associated with the Pacific vent sites. Instead, scientists involved believe that the minerals needed to sustain the communities may be supplied from the Florida escarpment. Paull will present his findings at the AGU Fall Meeting, to be held in San Francisco, Calif., December 3-7, 1984.

Geophysicists

Carroll Ann Hodges has been appointed assistant chief geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey's Western Region, headquartered in Menlo Park, Calif. She succeeds G. David Dalrymple, who has returned to research studies in isotope geology at Western Region headquarters after serving as assistant chief geologist for 3 years. Hodges joined the USGS Branch of Astrogeological Studies in Menlo Park in 1970. Her research has consisted mainly of topical studies and mapping projects on the moon and Mars. She was principal investigator in Apollo 16 geologic analyses both before and after that lunar mission. Since 1982 she has served with the survey's Branch of Western Mineral Resources as chief of an international minerals resource assessment project. In 1980-1981, Hodges was the AGU Congressional Science Fellow on Capitol Hill. She is a member of the AGU Public Affairs Committee.

Rafael N. Sanchez has been appointed visiting professor with the University of Buenos Aires and was accepted as a member-correspondent of the Academia Nacional de Ingenieros, Argentina. Sanchez, a professor of Laval University, is currently on sabbatical.

In Memoriam: Charles J. Daly, 94, died September 20, 1984. A member of the Hydrology Section, he joined AGU in 1979.

Paul A. Duleh, 68, a member of the Atmospheric Sciences Section, died recently. He joined AGU in 1963.

Hiroyuki Fukuyama, 86, died in August 1984. A member of the Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology Section, he joined AGU in 1984.

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Books

Precambrian Sulphide Deposits

R. W. Hutchinson, C. D. Spence, and J. M. Franklin (Eds.), *H. S. Robinson Memorial Volume, Geol. Assoc. of Can. Spec. Pap. 25*, Geological Association of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, vii + 792 pp., 1982, \$47.00.

Reviewed by Bruce R. Doe

This book is dedicated to Howard S. Robinson, who was born and educated in the United States, but who spent his professional career in Canada with McIntyre Porcupine Mines, concentrating on Precambrian mineral deposits. Although his career in mineral exploration was distinguished, his major contribution to earth science was probably as one of the founders of the Geological Association of Canada, an institution to which he made a bequest in his will. With this background, the strong emphasis on Canadian Precambrian mineral deposits should come as no surprise; of the 25 papers in this book, 21 are solely or primarily devoted to Canadian deposits. The two exceptions—those describing the Balmat, N. Y., zinc mines (at times the largest zinc producer in the United States) and the Cranston, Wisconsin, volcanogenic zinc-copper massive-sulfide deposit (the largest deposit of its kind found in the 1970's)—are each within a couple of hundred kilometers of the Canadian border. Although the title of the book is more expansive than the actual topics discussed, Canada is rich in Precambrian rocks and ore bodies, and Canadian scientists have been especially alert to tectonic influences in the formation of mineral deposits. These features, plus the fact that the country contains a very well exposed expanse of Archean rocks which is the largest in the world, facilitate the study of early crustal evolution and make the book of particular interest to geophysicists.

The book comprises two parts. Part I, which may be of greatest interest to geophysicists, is composed of four regional papers: one on the Superior, Slave and Churchill provinces by J. M. Franklin and R. L. Thorpe, a second on the Grenville province by A. L. Sangster and J. Bourne, a third on the Purcell Supergroup by T. Hov (the Canadian equivalent of the Belt Supergroup in Canada), and the fourth on the Mackenzie fold belt by J. D. Ailken. Much information is included in these chapters that is not specifically related to ore deposits. For just two examples, there is a map of the greenstone and gneiss belts of Canada and another showing how the Grenville belt fits into a paleotectonic reconstruction with the Mexican orogenic complex and Sveconorwegian province. A final paper by R. W. Hutchinson (one of the world's leading experts in metallogenesis) summarizes the whole book and brings some sense of common theme to both the regional papers and part II on case histories, i.e., the importance of heated submarine exhalations as a function of tectonic setting for the genesis of most Precambrian ores. The recognition of the importance of submarine exhalations in ore deposition began in Europe with Otfeldt in the late 1950's, became firmly adopted in Japan in the 1960's, was introduced in Canada by the Australian R. L. Stanton in the late 1950's, and only achieved some degree of acceptance in the United States by the mid-1960's owing to writings of Charles A. Anderson after his visits to the Miocene Kuroko ores of Japan. Models built especially on Kuroko deposits of Japan and the metal-rich brines of the Red Sea confirmed that the mineralizing fluid was evolved seawater. Thus, although all people working in this area found the active hydrothermal jets at 21°C on the East Pacific Rise to be exciting, exhalations were expected by researchers on ore genesis more than a decade before their discovery. It is a case of a modern feature being predicted from the fossil record, and Canadian scientists played a full role in this development.

Part II, comprising 17 case histories, was a mild disappointment to me, although it does help support the contention, in the final chapter, that submarine exhalations are a key feature. The Geco base-metal massive-sulfide deposit (paper 10) is a world-class ore deposit that is described by R. G. Friesen et al., but the giant Kidd Creek deposit does not have a paper even though it has one of the most spectacular case histories in the use of genetic models and airborne geophysics in its discovery. It also is the world's largest producer of silver, Canada's leading producer of four other commodities, and will produce as much copper as a medium-sized porphyry-copper deposit (at an ecological 3 to 4 times the grade of porphyry coppers). Probably only Broken Hill, Australia, is a bigger zinc deposit. The giant Sudbury feature and its famous nickel deposits do not have a chapter either. The huge sediment-hosted Sullivan massive sulfide in the Purcell Supergroup of British Columbia has a chapter, but the huge Cobalt-Albion Pb-Zn-Ag vein deposit (which was once the world's largest silver producer) does not, even though it is just across the Canadian border.

an outlier in the United States and is hosted in the Carleton Place Supergroup. The reasoning for these kinds of omissions is given in the preface:

Along important Precambrian sulphide deposits are not considered in the volume. Absent are those that have been extensively studied and for which thorough descriptions and up-to-date genetic interpretations have recently been published. Specifically included are newly discovered deposits and older ones for which only limited or out-dated information has been available.

An excellent example of a previously undescribed world-class deposit is the chapter on the Cranston Zn-Cu deposit in northern Wisconsin by E. R. May and P. G. Schmidt. Furthermore, the airborne geophysical techniques of aeromagnetics and electromagnetics played a key role in discovery of the extent of the metavolcanic belt and the Cranston deposit itself. D. J. Robinson and R. W. Hutchinson propose a novel and controversial volcanogenic-exhalative origin for the nickel-rich massive sulfide deposit at Redstone, Timmins, Ontario. The book should also be of interest to investigators of the deep-sea polymetallic deposits (for comparison and model building). So although the book does not furnish "one-stop shopping" on descriptions of Precambrian ore deposits of Canada, it is the only or the best source on a number of them. It is sufficiently comprehensive so that it will lead readers to other references on key deposits which may not be adequately discussed. At \$47, probably not many geophysicists will want the book for their personal libraries, but they should make sure that their institution has it, and taking a look through it would be very worthwhile. I recommend beginning with the summary chapter at the end.

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Geomagnetism of Baked Clays and Recent Sediments

K. M. Greer, P. Tucholka, and C. E. Barton (Eds.), Elsevier, New York, xv + 324 pp., 1983, \$53.55.

Reviewed by Edward A. Mankinen

This book is an outgrowth of the symposium entitled "Time Scales of Geomagnetic Secular Variations," which was held at the 4th Assembly of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (Edinburgh, U.K., August 1981). The volume includes many of the papers presented, which described paleomagnetic results from both archeological materials and Holocene geologic deposits, as well as contributions solicited from other researchers in the fields of archeomagnetism and paleomagnetism. In a remarkably short time after the conclusion of the symposium the editors were able to elicit, edit, and assemble a large body of material from 40 individuals into a thoughtful, well-organized product.

The book is divided into four chapters; the individual contributions comprise sections within each chapter. A comprehensive reference list concludes each chapter. The first

chapter is devoted to the study of the geomagnetic secular variation as it is obtained from the nature of the field and to use these reference curves as dating and correlation tools at other archeological sites. For secular variation studies to achieve their full potential, they must include measurements of paleointensity as well as paleodirection, and so the beginning of this chapter is devoted to a discussion of archeointensity methods. The Thelliers' method of paleointensity determination, which is a mainstay in paleomagnetic research, encounters special problems when it is applied to archeological materials, and therefore the reliability of some of the earlier intensity results is not known. The situation, however, is not so bleak as some of the discussion may imply, and newer methods have been devised to overcome some of the earlier difficulties. Various alternating-field demagnetization techniques that are currently being investigated seem to show some promise as well. The rest of the chapter describes the results of archeomagnetic investigations in different regions of the world. Not only are summaries of previously published work provided, but some new data and references to work in press are also included, which should ensure that this book will not rapidly become out of date. Although an enormous amount of work is required to construct the reference curves, much progress has been made in several of the regions discussed. Because so many archeomagnetic data are thus combined into a single source, the reader can easily obtain a good idea as to the current state of secular variation research and can readily see how well the reference curves agree between studies and over how wide an area some features can be correlated. This chapter will be of particular interest not only to archeomagnetists and paleomagnetists but also to other geologists studying the Holocene, who could benefit from the use of the secular variation records being developed. (I although archeomagnetic studies are providing many details on past secular variation, each point on a reference curve is a geologically "instantaneous" reading of the geomagnetic field. Archeologic materials do, however, have the advantage of being able to provide accurate, absolute values of paleointensity. Lacustrine sediment, on the other hand, can provide essentially continuous records of secular variation but only relative paleointensity. Thus these two types of studies can be complementary, and chapter 4 describes progress that is being made in these two complementary fields of research, including a brief description of dating devices and measurement procedures, followed by summaries of results from rapidly deposited sediment in Europe, North and South America, and Australia.)

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Cover. Maps of the ionospheric electron density, ion temperature, electron temperature, and line-of-sight drift as a function of UT and altitude during the May 30, 1984, annular eclipse of the sun. The measurements were made by the Millstone Hill incoherent scatter radar, using a 46-m steerable antenna pointed southwest at an azimuth of 325° and an elevation of 16°. The intersection of the radar beam and center line of the eclipse was at 37°N, 78°W at an altitude of 300 km. At this location the eclipse was centered at 1641 UT. The ion temperature at 300 km decreases to 70% of its value before and after the eclipse, with the minimum occurring 30 minutes after the center of the eclipse. The ion temperature shows only a small change. The electron temperature shows a 750 K decrease centered on the eclipse time. The line-of-sight velocity shows a perturbation near the beginning of the eclipse. (Figure courtesy of J. M. Holt, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Haystack Observatory, Westford, Mass. See news item "1984 Solar Eclipse" contributed by J. E. Sidah.)

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This program has been arranged by the AGU Education and Human Resources Committee. Refreshments will be available.

tralia. The chapter concludes with a discussion of statistical methods of data analysis, including data smoothing, comparison of related records, and spectrum analysis.

Overall, I find little to criticize in this book. Preparation of the text as camera-ready copy probably contributed to its timely publication. However, it is also somewhat harder to read than if it had been typeset, particularly because many of the punctuation marks seem to have become faint and indistinct during the final reduction. Because a few of the figures may not be entirely clear to the uninitiated reader, the individual contributors might have paid more attention to the figure captions, although most of the figures are well prepared and effective. In general, the individual sections seem to be of appropriate length for the topics addressed. The text is well edited, and there are very few typographical errors and little remaining jargon, such as "seriatim dating." The editors have also succeeded in their intention of having the volume "... read as a book rather than as a collection of papers." Students and professional geologists alike should find it a valuable reference work.

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